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Letter dated 9 February 2007 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1727 (2006) concerning Côte d'Ivoire. In paragraph 7 of that resolution, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Group of Experts for a further period of six months and requested me to take the necessary administrative measures to appoint new members, as necessary to the Group.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that I have reappointed Oumar Dieye Sidi of the Niger, who successfully served as customs expert in two consecutive mandates of the Group, and have nominated four new experts. The composition of the Group of Experts is as follows:

Grégoire Bafouatika (Republic of the Congo) (aviation)
Lipika Majumdar Roy Choudhury (India) (finance)
Abdoul Wahab Diakhaby (Guinea) (diamonds)
André S. Thorsen (Canada) (arms)
Oumar Dièye Sidi (Niger) (customs)

I have designated Oumar Dièye Sidi to serve as Coordinator of the Group of Experts.

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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